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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN EMIGRANTS TO U.S.

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ROME FOR INS

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EFFORTS GENEVA, VIENNA, AND
ROME TO RESOLVE QUESTION OF 130 ROMANIANS WHO HAVE
RECEIVED OR WHO ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE EXIT PERMISSION FOR
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THE US BUT WHO ARE INELIGIBLE FOR RECEIPT OF IV'S FOR

DIRECT ADMITTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THEREFORE REQUIRE PROCESSING AS CONDITIONAL ENTRANTS IN A THIRD COUNTRY. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH INS HERE AND IN LIGHT OF REF B, WE BELIEVE PROCESSING IN ROME IS BEST AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVE. PLEASE EXPRESS AS APPROPRIATE OUR APPRECIATION TO UNHCR, ICEM, AND AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS WITH WHOM THIS MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED.

2. FOR ROME AND BUCHAREST: VISA OFFICE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY INS THAT IT IS WILLING AND ABLE TO PROCESS IN ROME EXISTING GROUP OF 130 ROMANIANS IN THIS CATEGORY.

3. FOR ROME: RE GOI CONCERN EXPRESSED IN PARA 3 REF B, WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL ROMANIANS IN THIS CATEGORY WILL POSSESS VALID ROMANIAN PASSPORTS. EMBASSY BUCHAREST PLEASE CONFIRM. MAY WE THEREFORE ASSUME GOI IS INSTRUCTING ITALIAN EMBASSY BUCHAREST REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING THESE PERSONS?

4. FOR BUCHAREST: EMBASSY BUCHAREST MUST USE VISA STAMP IN ROMANIAN PASSPORTS SIMILAR TO THAT NOW USED TO PROCESS SOVIET IMMIGRANTS PROCEEDING TO ROME AND VIENNA FOR PROCESSING BY INS AS CONDITIONAL ENTRANTS TO UNITED STATES. (SEE DUNLOP/VIETS O/I OF OCTOBER 17). EMBASSY SHOULD OBTAIN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE RUBBER STAMPS TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF LOCAL PROCUREMENT IMPOSSIBLE OR VIENNA PROCUREMENT TOO TIME CONSUMING, PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND WE WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE STAMPS SENT TO BUCHAREST EXPEDITIOUSLY.

5. INS HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL ACCEPT NAMECHECK REQUESTS BY EMBASSY BUCHAREST. VISAS EAGLE REQUESTS SHOULD BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT MARKED "INFO: ROME FOR INS" AND REPLIES FROM DEPT SHOULD BE SIMILARLY MARKED. THIS SHOULD HELP SPEED THE CLEARANCE PROCESS. EMBASSY BUCHAREST SHOULD NOT OF COURSE ISSUE VISA FOR THIRD COUNTRY PROCESSING PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF NEGATIVE EAGLE NAMECHECK.

6. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY BUCHAREST BEGIN PROCESSING INELIGIBLES IMMEDIATELY, ESTABLISHING PRIORITY
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RANK RELATED TO THE EXPIRATION OF ROMANIAN EXIT DOCUMENTATION.

7. IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS PROCEDURE IS AN EXCEPTIONAL ONE DESIGNED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING THIS GROUP OF 130 INDIVIDUALS. DEPARTMENT IS NOT WILLING TO EXTEND THIS PROCEDURE TO A LARGER NUMBER OF PERSONS OVER AN INDEF-

INITE PERIOD. WE MUST THERERING THAT ADDITIONAL
BASIS THE BEST MEANS OF INSURING THAT ADDITIONAL
ROMANIANS INELIGIBLE FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE OF U.S.
IMMIGRANT VISAS DO NOT REPEAT NOTAPPLY FOR ROMANIAN EXIT
DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO GETTING INTO CONTACT WITH EMBASSY

CONCERNING THEIR PROSPECTIVE VISA ELIGIBILITY. EMBASSY
BUCHAREST SUGGESTIONS WELCOME. WOULD UTILIZATION RFE
(IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUS VOA PROGRAMS) PROVIDE AN
APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATING TO
ROMANIAN POPULACE?

8. WE UNDERSTAND FROM AMBASSADOR BARNES (WHO HAS CLEARED
THIS MESSAGE) THAT SUBJECT OF INELIGIBLES WAS DISCUSSED
IN GENERAL DURING HIS OCTOBER 30 MEETING WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER MACOVESCU. MACOVESCU SUGGESTED THAT WHEN USG
HAD DETERMINED HOW BEST TO HANDLE THE SITUATION, THE
MATTER AGAIN BE DISCUSSED WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
PACOSTE. SUGGEST THEREFORE EMBASSY BUCHAREST, PRIOR TO
FINAL PROCESSING OF FIRST OF THE GROUP OF 130, ADVISE
PACOSTE THAT WE ARE PLACING A PROPERLY SEALED US VISA
STAMP IN THEIR PASSPORTS. INGERSOLL

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